

**281—61.5 (256) Nature of the center's operation.** The center shall govern its work according to the following requirements.

**61.5(1) *Use of expertise.*** The center shall draw upon national and state expertise in the field of literacy proficiency, including experts from Iowa's institutions of higher education and area education agencies with backgrounds in literacy development.

**61.5(2) *Data and report development.*** The center and its director shall seek support from the Iowa research community in methodologies for the collection of student literacy data and in data report development, the analysis of available information from Iowa education data sources, and the analysis of progress toward literacy proficiency.

**61.5(3) *Coordination with the department.*** The center and its director shall work with the department of education to identify additional needs for tools and technical assistance for Iowa schools to help schools achieve literacy proficiency goals and seek public and private partnerships in developing and accessing necessary tools and technical assistance.

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